

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute the following claims for the pending claims with the same number:

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1 1. (Amended) A method for protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising ~~the steps of~~:
3 displaying a ~~list of files~~ site map of folders and files in a
4 server computer file system;
5 generating protection status information in response to
6 selection by a user of at least one of the files in the ~~list of files~~ site map; and
7 sending the protection status information to a server
8 computer.

1 2. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said displaying ~~step~~ displays a
2 ~~list of files~~ the site map together with a corresponding protection status for
3 each file in the ~~list of files~~ site map, and wherein the method further comprises
4 the step of modifying protection status of at least one of the files, and wherein
5 said sending ~~step~~ sends modified protection status information to a the server
6 computer.

1 3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising recording the
2 protection status information in a protection status database.

1 4. (Amended) A system for protecting files distributed over a network,
2 comprising:
3 a user interface displaying a ~~list of files~~ site map of folders and
4 files in a server computer file system;
5 a protection status manager generating protection status
6 information in response to selection by a user of at least one of the files in the ~~list~~
7 ~~of files~~ site map; and
8 a transmitter sending the protection status information to a server
9 computer.

1 5. (Amended) The system of claim 4 wherein said user interface displays a ~~list~~
2 ~~of files~~ the site map together with a corresponding protection status for each file
3 in the ~~list of files~~ site map, and wherein the protection status manager modifies

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4 protection status of at least one of the files, and wherein said transmitter sends
5 modified protection status information to a the server computer.

1 6. (Original) The system of claim 4 further comprising a database manager
2 recording the protection status information in a protection status database.
